for employment creation in the public sector. As per the demand of employment in the labour market, training and re-training is being emphasised so that it has favourable impact on employment.

C.V.C's response to the references from MPs

*69. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2555 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March, 1999, and state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has not been following the instructions of the Cabinet Secretariat relating to references from Members of Parliament and not at all responding to such references;

(b) if not, the number of such letters received by C.V.C. since April, 2000 onwards, how many of them have been acknowledged and how many of them have been replied to; and

(c) the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The references from the Members of Parliament in the Central Vigilance Commission generally refer to the complaints against public servants. As per the practice being followed in the Commission, such letters from MPs are acknowledged. Thereafter, the Commission, keeping in view the nature of allegations contained in the complaint, takes appropriate action as under:—

(i) If the allegations are serious and verifiable, the complaint is forwarded either to the Central Bureau of Investigation or to the Chief Vigilance Officer concerned for investigation and report;

(ii) If the allegations are administrative in nature, the complaint is forwarded to the concerned administrative authority for appropriate action; and

(iii) If the allegations are vague or general in nature, the complaint is filed.

The Commission is primarily an advisory body, which renders advice at each stage of disciplinary action contemplated or initiated. The Commission does not have its own investigating agency. It gives advice to the concerned

Disciplinary Authority on the receipt of the Investigation reports in individual cases. The action aginst the public servants is to be taken by concerned Disciplinary Authority keeping in view, *inter-alia*, the facts of the case and the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission. Therefore the complainants are not informed by the Commission of the action taken on their complaints.

A total number of 217 letters were received from the members of Parliament during the period from 1.4.2000 to 30.6.2001 out of which 199 have been acknowledged. Letters which are not acknowledged are those which were not directly addressed to the Commission.

Buffer stock of foodgrains

*70. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the position of buffer stock of foodgrains till date;

(b) whether Government have drawn any strategy to utilise the buffer stock; and

(c) if so, the strategy to meet the demands of drought affected States like Rajasthan, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) As on 1.7.2001, 616.70 lakh tonnes of wheat and rice were available in the Central Pool as against the minimum buffer stocking norms of 243.00 lakh tonnes as per details given below:

(In lakh tonnes)

	Minimum Buffer Stocking norms	Stock Position
Rice	100.00	227.50
Wheat	143.00	389.20
TOTAL:	243.00	616.70

(b) Government has taken a number of measures to liquidate the excess stocks. These include, inter alia, increase in the allocation of foodgrains for BPL families under TPDS, downward revision of Central Issue Prices of wheat